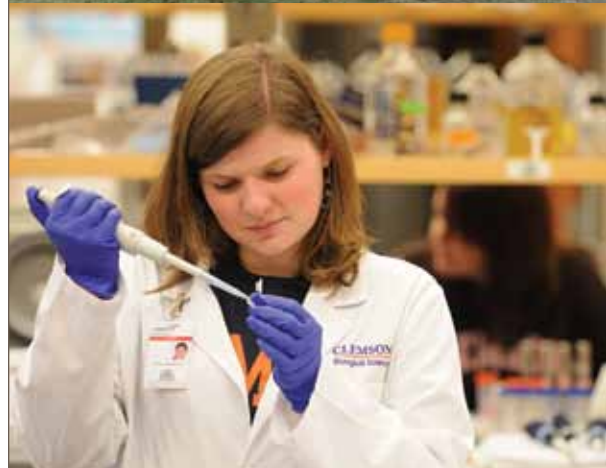


National Scholars Program



our Mission Statement

In collaboration with other University offices and programs, the mission of Clemson's National Scholars Program is as follows:

- Recruit and select the top high school students from throughout the United States.
- Provide a competitive scholarship that covers all tuition, fees and other required expenses.
- Coordinate a rewarding summer of study and travel in Great Britain.
- Create and program intellectually challenging and rewarding enrichment opportunities.
- Provide individual and group advising that addresses and enhances the National Scholars' interests and skills.
- Prepare the National Scholars to excel in graduate school and on fellowship applications.

our supporters

The National Scholars Program is thankful to the Clemson Office of Development for its support and deeply grateful for the considerable generosity of several Clemson alumni, including

- The estate of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Ballenger, Class of 1923
- J. Anderson Berly III, Class of 1978
- Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Bishop Jr., Class of 1965
- Dr. and Mrs. Paul W. McAlister, Class of 1941*
- The E. Smyth McKissick III '79 Clemson National Scholars Endowment
- Dr. and Mrs. Richard A. McMahan, Class of 1954
- Dr. and Mrs. R. Roy Pearce, Class of 1941**

*Dr. McAlister passed away in January 2007.

**Dr. Pearce passed away in November 2004.

The year in Review

As the year began, the National Scholars family experienced great sadness followed by great celebration.

On August 23, senior Donovan Jones passed away (see page 18 for a memorial). Our profound loss presented a challenge unlike any the National Scholars Program had ever faced. Dozens of students gathered that night in the NSP office to grieve together and to remember their friend. Dozens more filled a charter bus later that week to attend Donovan's funeral in Sumter, S.C.

The loss of Donovan showcased the reality of the National Scholars family. His fellow seniors immediately began developing ways to honor his memory, in particular by working with the various organizations that Donovan had joined and led – Undergraduate Student Government, student media, Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity and the Alpha Lambda Delta first-year honor society.

The first-year scholars, who knew Donovan only briefly, also wanted to contribute to remembering their fellow scholar. After the campus service honoring Donovan, they created DVDs of a slide show, with the proceeds going to a fund that will provide a lasting memorial to their fellow National Scholar.

We experienced a different sense of family later in the fall – this time, thankfully, for a happier reason – as more than 200 students, faculty, parents and alumni gathered for a 10th anniversary weekend that included a formal reception and the first-ever NSP tailgate. Current scholars, alumni and the families of both shared stories of their NSP experiences, and alumni scholars explained how many of the NSP traditions were born.

On that weekend our newest students met many of our oldest alumni, now doctors, lawyers, teachers and graduate students. Although a decade and countless experiences separated these students, the reunion created an opportunity to create a new network of friends, mentors and advisers. In the way that families do, the younger scholars will rely on their older colleagues for guidance on their undergraduate and graduate educations, on their career planning and on achieving success. The alumni scholars will share their wisdom and lessons they learned the hard way. They will encourage the younger scholars to leave the NSP, and Clemson, better than they found it.

As our 10th year comes to a close and we prepare to graduate the next cohort and welcome another, the NSP foundation laid in 2000 – bringing the top students in the nation to Clemson for a stellar education, unique learning opportunities and dedicated advising – continues to challenge and support a diverse and dynamic family of scholars.

The remarkable success in attracting and educating these exceptional students is due to countless collaborative endeavors, many of them led by the scholars themselves, at Clemson and around the world. The NSP would not be what it has become over the past 10 years without the generosity of the donors who made the program possible; the visionary leadership of President James F. Barker and Provost Doris R. Helms; the ongoing support of the Board of Trustees; the hard work of the offices of Admissions, Financial Aid and Development, and of the Calhoun Honors College; and the innumerable efforts of the professors and advisers who have taught and mentored the National Scholars.

To understand the scope of what the NSP and the National Scholars have accomplished, it is most impressive to look at the last 10 years by the numbers.

The National Scholars Num

1488

The average SAT score for all National Scholars. Currently, the average SAT score for Clemson freshmen is 1207.

Number of books, films and news topics examined in Scholar-led discussion series

68

8 National finalists for the Marshall, Rhodes and Truman scholarships

Countries Visited by National Scholars

Even though we just crossed the 100-scholar milestone in 2009, the National Scholars and alumni have studied, researched, interned and volunteered at hundreds of locations around the world. The map illustrates the 40 countries where scholars have made an impact and have been impacted by the world.

1. Argentina
2. Australia
3. Bahamas
4. Bangladesh
5. Belgium
6. Belize
7. China
8. Costa Rica
9. Dominican Republic
10. Ecuador (including Galapagos)
11. Egypt
12. England
13. Ethiopia
14. France
15. Germany
16. Ghana
17. Greece
18. Grenada
19. Guatemala
20. Iceland
21. India
22. Indonesia
23. Ireland
24. Italy
25. Japan
26. Kenya
27. Malawi
28. Mexico
29. The Netherlands
30. Norway
31. Peru
32. Russia
33. Rwanda
34. Scotland
35. Slovakia
36. South Africa
37. South Sudan
38. Spain
39. Sweden
40. Switzerland
41. Tanzania
42. Turkey
43. Wales

8 Goldwater Scholars, the top award for students in engineering and science

50 Men 57 Women

Presidents of Clemson's Habitat for Humanity, the 2008 national chapter of the year

4

1 Student Body President, Vice President and Treasurer

2 Recipients of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award for a graduating senior

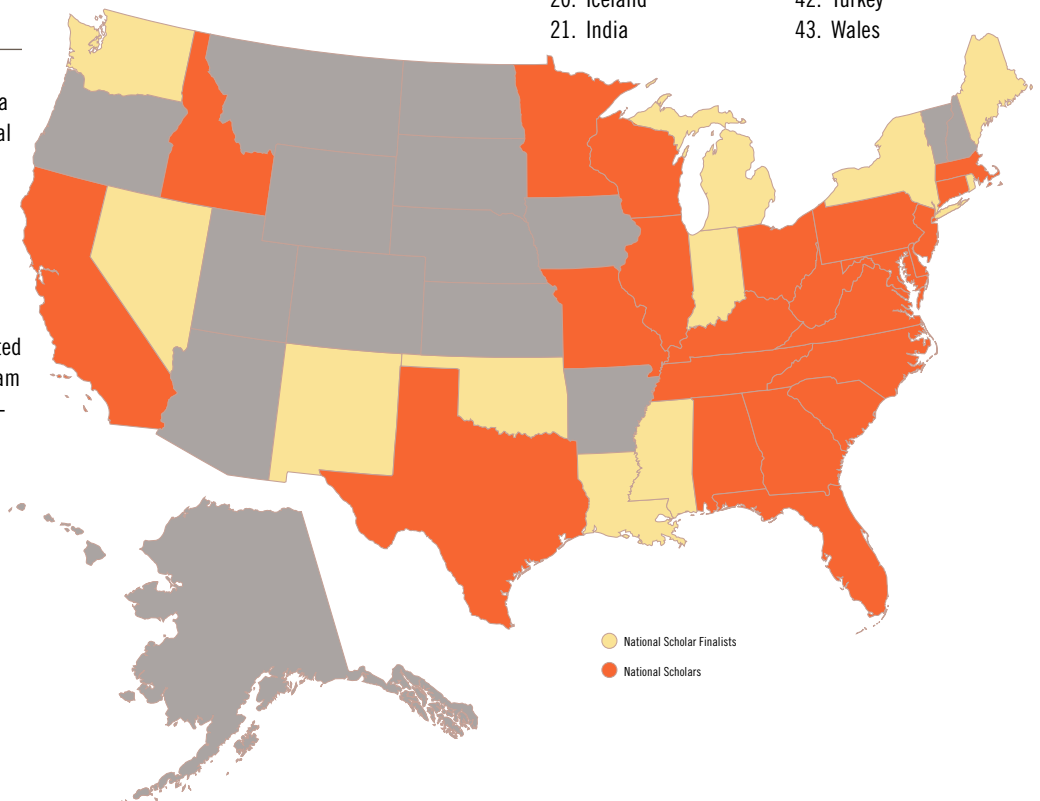
Recipients of the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Award 3

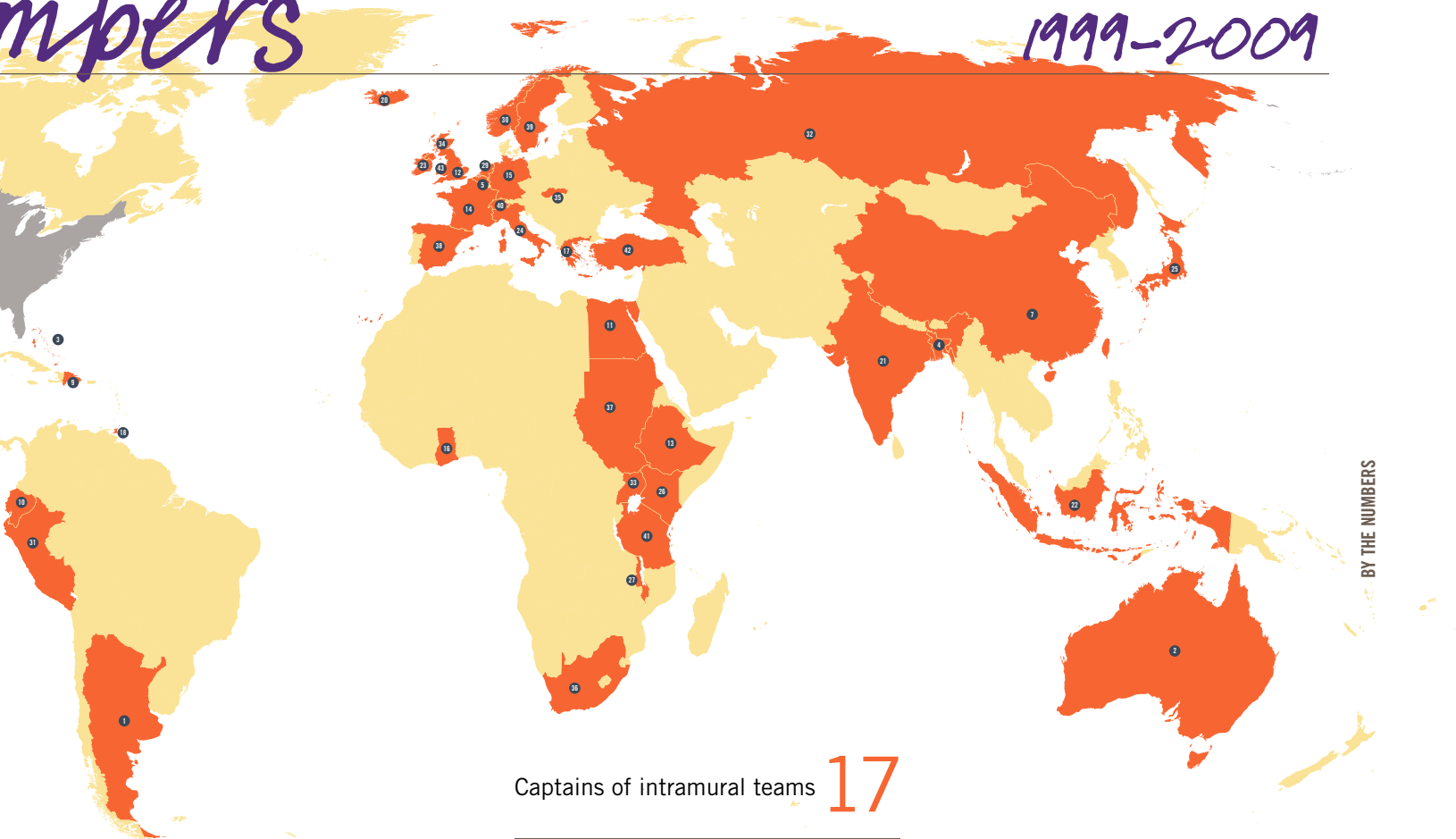
National Scholars by State

In 1999, Clemson President James Barker said of the then-new National Scholars Program, "To be a national university, Clemson must have a national caliber scholarship program, and this is it."

With that guiding principle, the NSP has named **428** students as finalists from **34** states, from California to Maine.

Of those 428 finalists, **107** from **22** states accepted the invitation to join the National Scholars Program and have helped transform Clemson into a world-class institution.





13 Members of Phi Beta Kappa, the most prestigious college honor society for students in liberal arts; Clemson's chapter founded in 2007

Captains of intramural teams **17**

40%
Scholars ranked No. 1 in their high school graduating class

Recipients of the Nick Lomax "Rising Star" Award for outstanding freshman leader **2**

2 Recipients of the Phil Prince Student Personal Development Award

3,019 hours, 27 minutes

Total amount of round-trip time traveled by National Scholars on NSP foreign and domestic educational enrichment trips

9 Inductees into the Order of the Blue Ridge

Recipients of the Norris Medal for most outstanding graduating senior **2**

1,478,794

Number of collective miles traveled by National Scholars on NSP foreign and domestic educational enrichment trips.

Participants in the National Science Foundation's Research Experiences for Undergraduates **15**

4 Editors of *The Tiger* student newspaper

107 National Scholars

9 Inductees into Clemson's chapter of *Who's Who Among American College Students*

Recipients of the Athletic Director's Award of Excellence **2**

NATIONAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM
A DECADE OF DEVELOPING REMARKABLE LEADERS
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Alexandra Parkett

Lawrenceville, Ga.

Major: Graphic Communications

CLEMSON NATIONAL SCHOLARS

“Studying in England was an amazing experience, especially since I had never been out of this country. It broadened my view of the world and sparked a greater interest in the world outside of the United States. The Maymester courses and trips were equally enlightening, and I appreciate how the program allows us to have so much input on what the courses focus on and where the trips go.”



Key Involvement, Leadership and Recognition:

- Alpha Lambda Delta (first-year honor society)
- 2007 Outstanding Graphic Communications Academic Achievement Award
- College of Business and Behavioral Science Student Advisory Board (representative)
- Technical Association of the Graphic Arts (vice president)

Select Learning Experiences:

- Creative Inquiry: Development of a Web site for the Clemson Experimental Forest
- Internship, Heidelberg USA Inc., Atlanta
- Internship, International Paper, Clemson

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Key Involvement, Leadership and Recognition:

- Dixon Fellows Program
- Alpha Lambda Delta (first-year honor society)
- Gamma Epsilon Tau (graphics honor society, co-president)
- Teaching assistant for Department of Graphic Communications

Select Learning Experiences:

- Internship, International Paper, Clemson
- Internship, Intelligencer Printing Company, Lancaster, Penn.

Franklin, Tenn.
Major: Graphic Communications

“I have become more independent in my life and beliefs at Clemson. The NSP travel and seminars helped this process and provided new perspectives that will be invaluable in the years to come. The NSP has been a great addition to my Clemson experience by offering opportunities for deep thought and discussion and also for fun times and great memories. I feel much more prepared to enter the next phase of my life because of the National Scholars Program.”

Elizabeth Billheimer

Summerfield, N.C.

Majors: Political Science and
Accounting

CLEMSON NATIONAL SCHOLARS

“The most important lesson

I learned at Clemson was to utilize every opportunity. By breaking out of my shell and running for leadership positions, I was able to serve and improve organizations in which I held passionate beliefs. By choosing academic enrichment over a typical spring break, I was able to network in our nation’s capital with professionals charged with diplomacy and foreign relations. Seizing these opportunities opened doors for even more opportunities.”



Key Involvement, Leadership and Recognition:

- Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority (vice president of service, treasurer and financial secretary)
- Clemson Dancers
- Tiger Dancers (Tiger Marching Band)
- Alpha Lambda Delta (first-year honor society, vice president of membership and internal affairs)
- Model United Nations (treasurer)
- Americans for Informed Democracy conferences (global poverty and Darfur/ICC)

- Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership honor society)
- Department of Political Science Matt Locke Faculty Award for Excellence

Select Learning Experiences:

- EUREKA! Summer Honors Research: Comparison of North American public policies
- Internship, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.
- Internship, Division of Finance, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., Washington, D.C.

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Key Involvement, Leadership and Recognition:

- Tiger Marching Band (tuba)
- Basketball pep band
- Cycling Club
- Academic Success Center tutor
- Clemson Symphony Orchestra

Select Learning Experiences:

- Drum and Bugle Corps member; Carolina Crown, a touring performing arts ensemble

Monroe, N.C.
Major: Bioengineering

“The greatest lesson

I’ve learned at Clemson is not to worry about the work ahead of you, but to find something enjoyable about it to make the process more manageable. I’ve learned how to simplify things to a fundamental level, which will help me in my role as an engineer.”

Shannon Edd

2008 Goldwater Scholar

Rochester, Minn.

Major: Mechanical Engineering

CLEMSON NATIONAL SCHOLARS

"I never anticipated having so many life-changing experiences by the age of 22, and most of these are due to the NSP. With the support of the NSP, I have met many amazing people who have challenged my views, encouraged my ambitions, given me opportunities to take chances, forgiven me when I made mistakes and applauded me when I succeeded."



Key Involvement, Leadership and Recognition:

- Clemson Marching Band
- Intramurals (ultimate Frisbee and flag football)
- Mortar Board (leadership honor society)
- Clemson Cycling
- Department of Mechanical Engineering Scholastic Achievement Award (2007 and 2008)
- Carl Donner Nelson Jr. Award for Outstanding Junior in Mechanical Engineering

Select Learning Experiences:

- Research assistantship, Department of Mechanical Engineering: Finding the bending stiffness of golf club shafts; measuring a tire mold with a coordinate measuring machine
- Cooperative education, Club Car Inc., Augusta, Ga.
- Internship, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, National Ignition Facility, Livermore, Calif.

Allison Foreman



Columbia, S.C.
Major: Chemical Engineering

“Through the NSP, I have learned so much about the cultures, politics and the environment of different countries that I never would have learned in a classroom. Interacting with professors who are excited about what they are teaching and willing to pass on their expertise has given me some of my best experiences as a student at Clemson.”

OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

Key Involvement, Leadership and Recognition:

- Intramurals (soccer and ultimate Frisbee)
- Dixon Fellows Program
- NSP retreat team leader
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- Clemson Lindy Hoppers Club (vice president)
- ChemE Car competition team
- Tau Beta Pi (national engineering honor society)

Select Learning Experiences:

- EUREKA! Summer Honors Research: “Synthesis, Characterization and Application of Nanoparticles”
- Cooperative education, Roche Carolina Inc., Florence, S.C.

Lucas Hurd

Surgoinsville, Tenn.
Major: Physics

CLEMSON NATIONAL SCHOLARS

“My academic and career goals focus on achieving success in basic physics research. I have had unprecedented research opportunities at Clemson, and these have not only given me firsthand experience, but they have changed my mindset on how research is actually carried out. I am more than confident that I will succeed at whatever I choose to do.”



Key Involvement, Leadership and Recognition:

- Dixon Fellows Program
- Student Projects Involving Rocket Investigation Techniques (SPIRIT)
- American Geophysical Union
- Most Outstanding Student Paper for Space Physics and Aeronomy (fall 2008)
- *The Tiger* (student newspaper columnist)
- 2008 L.D. Huff Award for Excellence for most outstanding sophomore in physics and astronomy
- funded by NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
- “Overturning Instability in the Mesosphere and Lower Thermosphere: Analysis of Instability Conditions in Lidar Data,” published in *Annales Geophysicae*, July 2009
- Presentation, 2008 International Symposium on Equatorial Aeronomy 12, Greece
- National Undergraduate Fellowship for research in plasma physics and fusion energy sciences, Department of Energy and Princeton Plasma Physics Lab

Select Learning Experiences:

- EUREKA! Summer Honors Research assistantship: SPIRIT 3
- Internship, General Atomics, National Fusion Facility, San Diego, Calif.

Rahul Loungani



Columbia, S.C.
Major: Biochemistry

“Since my freshman year I have changed substantially. In terms of my intellectual interests, I’ve diversified from science to include a strong interest in the humanities, and this is a direct effect of the NSP freshman seminar. The opportunities with the NSP and the pervasive spirit of the Clemson Family have reinforced that I made the right decision in choosing Clemson.”

OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

Key Involvement, Leadership and Recognition:

- SERTOMA (president)
- Blue Key Honor Society (president)
- Clemson University Ethics Bowl Team (national champions, spring 2008; second place, spring 2009)
- Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society (membership chair)
- Student Senate (health and human services, athletics and transportation)
- Clemson Indian Cultural Exchange (vice president and treasurer)

Select Learning Experiences:

- Research in organic chemistry: Article in press, “Poly(p-phenylene ethynylene) Incorporating Sterically Enshrouding m-Terphenyl Oxacyclophane Canopies,” *Macromolecular Rapid Communications*, 2009
- Internship, Pediatric Surgery, Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia, S.C.

Erica Morrison

Jacksonville, Fla.
Major: Architecture

CLEMSON NATIONAL SCHOLARS

“When I graduate, I will miss the Clemson Family, the football, the ubiquitous red brick, the mountains and the seasons. I will miss President Barker, who has always been so involved with and supportive of his students. I will miss the opportunities NSP provided, like meetings with intellectual giants and authors extraordinaire and travel to destinations near and far. But the thing I will miss most about Clemson and the NSP is the people. I met my best friends through this program.”



Key Involvement, Leadership and Recognition:

- Intramurals (flag football, ultimate Frisbee)
- Dixon Fellows Program
- American Institute of Architecture Students (service chair)
- Alpha Lambda Delta (first-year honor society)
- Rudolph E. Lee Award for Excellence in Architecture

Select Learning Experiences:

- AutoCAD internship and service as marketing director, Almond Engineering, Jacksonville, Fla.
- Study abroad at Charles E. Daniel Center for Building Research and Urban Studies in Genoa, Italy

Meredith Myers



Key Involvement, Leadership and Recognition:

- Clemson University Guide Association
- Clemson Rowing Association (2007)
- Mock Turtle Soup improv comedy troupe (business manager)
- Clemson Crew (board of managers, secretary)
- Clemson Players productions of *Rent*, *Urinetown*, *Two Gentleman of Verona* and *The House of Bernarda Alba*

Select Learning Experiences:

- Creative Inquiry: NIH-funded epidemiology research project, "Reducing High-Risk Drinking Among First-Year College Students"
- Summer Service team member, New Wilmington Mission Conference in Malawi, Africa
- Public health internship, La Clinica Carlos Duran, San Jose, Costa Rica

Concord, N.C.

Major: Language and International Health

"The NSP courses taught me how to think for myself, form my own opinions and challenge my intellect. This was so refreshing from 'playing the game' to get good grades, to get good scholarships, to get a good job. I am now learning to learn, and that is more valuable for a future employer or school than any test grade should be."

Jennifer Rahn

Ehrhardt, S.C.
Major: Biological Sciences

CLEMSON NATIONAL SCHOLARS

“Without my internships, mentoring, mission trips, NSP cultural experiences, research and many other activities, I would have never realized what things were truly important to me. All of these different experiences have allowed me to figure out what I want to accomplish in life. I feel completely confident in my ability to succeed in medical school. I am quite proud of my undergraduate experience and could not feel more comfortable with the style of the education, the rigor of the curriculum and the application of the concepts.”



Key Involvement, Leadership and Recognition:

- Wesley Foundation (Bahamas mission trips, Joel Team advising committee)
- Alpha Epsilon Delta (pre-medical honor society president and social and service chair)
- FIRST Program (mentor for first-generation college students)
- Code Elementary School tutor
- American Medical Association Voice for the Uninsured volunteer
- Golden Key Honor Society
- St. Jude Up Till Dawn (executive board teams chair)

Select Learning Experiences:

- Creative Inquiry in biotechnology: Developed biopharmaceutical industry outreach program for South Carolina
- Internship, Greenville (S.C.) Hospital System Children's Hospital and Oncological Research Institute
- Selection as a Summer Fellow, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, Conn.

Hope Stewart



Key Involvement, Leadership and Recognition:

- Clemson Language Partner Program
- Baptist Collegiate Ministries
- Alpha Lambda Delta (first-year honor society historian)
- Award for Most Outstanding Student in an introductory-level chemistry course
- Students for Environmental Awareness
- Intramurals (soccer)
- Dixon Fellows Program

Select Learning Experiences:

- Public Programs internship, Zoo Atlanta Education Department
- Summer mission, Golden Isles Resort Ministry, Brunswick, Ga.

Marietta, Ga.

Major: Environmental and Natural Resources

“I had no idea what variety

Clemson had to offer: a class on aesthetics, book discussions on so many different books, kayaking with Dixon Fellows, traveling to Belize with one of the most amazing teachers I’ve ever had, learning about culture from a Mayan Indian, a chance to appreciate sacrifice in memorial cemeteries in France, having tea with the president of the University and so much more. I knew coming to Clemson was a good opportunity, but it has been so much grander than I could ever have imagined.”



1988-2009

The National Scholars Program lost a member of the family on August 23, 2009, when senior financial management major Donovan Jones passed away. Donovan was an endlessly optimistic, fiercely loyal and much-loved friend, student, advisee and campus leader.

Below are memories and reflections of Donovan from the National Scholars who were fortunate enough to know him during his all-too-brief life.

Excerpts from remarks made by NSP director William Lasser at Donovan's funeral on behalf of the Clemson Family

When Donovan visited Clemson in the spring of 2006, he signed up for a campus tour, led — though he did not know her at the time — by Kelly Jones, who was also a National Scholar. At the beginning of the tour, Donovan looked very seriously at Kelly and said, “All right, you’ve got two hours to impress me!” Then his face lit up, and he flashed that big smile that all of us know so well and laughed.

I guess Kelly impressed Donovan on that tour, because he accepted our offer to become a Clemson National Scholar and enrolled at Clemson that fall. During his three years at Clemson, he certainly impressed everyone, with his intellect, his passion for learning, his love of others, his loyalty, his positive energy and, of course, with his incredible smile.

To all of us, Donovan was a never-ending source of joy in learning and in life. Everyone I’ve spoken to this week remembers the smile. He “literally

made the world a brighter place,” said one of his fellow students, “and everyone who knew him finds it difficult to think of a time when he was a ‘downer’ or unhappy.” But Donovan also had a facial expression that he reserved for when he was in learning mode. He would look at you with an intensity that made you realize why you became a professor in the first place. Behind that face he was analyzing, processing and reflecting, deep in the world of ideas that he found so fascinating and compelling.

Hope Stewart

My first memories of Donovan are from our Scholars Retreat. We were Facebook friends, and I had noticed his birthday was going to be while we were away on the retreat, so I made sure to stop and get a card for all of us to sign before we left for the retreat. He was so excited to finally be turning 18. It’s interesting looking back now that my first and last memories of him all surround his birthday. He was so excited about finally turning 21, too. Just three short years is far too short a time to know someone like Donovan. I did not know when I bought that card the summer before starting at Clemson that Donovan would come to mean so much to me or that I would have so many good (mostly humorous) memories of the guy with the big heart and the even bigger smile.

Donny was such a good man. He was the perfect gentleman and a wonderful friend. He always had a smile and a hello, and could make me smile, even if I had no desire to do so. I cannot believe he is gone, but at least we all got to have him in our lives for the time that we did. I think we can all agree that it was not long enough, but I think we could also all agree that the short time we did spend was not wasted. I wish there could be more fun stories about him crawling around on WWII ruins, posing for pictures in front of the Tower Bridge in London and dancing in the Holmes basement, but I will always appreciate the ones that I have.

Damon Andrews

Donovan could light up a room without saying a word — his smile was that infectious. I can’t name a person who didn’t call Donovan a friend, and he will be missed by many. The love for Donovan from his many friends and family is matched only by Donovan’s own love for each of us and for life itself. He will be missed greatly.

Rahul Loungani

Shortly after Donovan and I moved in together this year, we were in the car on our way back from somewhere when he told me he used to be a bit shy and reserved in his childhood. I told him he was lying. Anyone who met Donovan knew that he was one of



“Anyone who met Donovan knew that he was one of the most open, congenial and comforting people to be around.” — Roommate **Rahul Lougani**

the most open, congenial and comforting people to be around. Every person he met became his friend, and in each friendship, his sincerity and genuine nature were evident. His personality emanated from him and affected everyone he was around.

He was a connector. That’s what he did, and his ability to do that was based on the virtue and sincerity in his personality. At Clemson, Donovan introduced me to countless people and made my friend circle rich with his own. Not only did Donovan and I have great times and memories together, but his connections also allowed me to form memories with others whom I may have never met.

That’s what Donovan leaves behind with me: his memories and his lessons. The nature of his friendship and the virtue in his character leave the rest of us lacking, and we will be stronger and better if we follow his example.



Second-year scholars Katharine Amalfitano, Lauren Harroff, Rebecca Deery and Zan Isgett enjoy Paris during the 2009 NSP study abroad in Europe.

Third-year Scholars

Achieng Adongo | Columbia, S.C. | Industrial Engineering
Ben Boone | Mechanicsville, Va. | Economics
Judith Crews | Dayton, Tenn. | Architecture
Jessica Dean | Summerville, S.C. | Psychology
Caitlin Foulser | Melrose, Mass. | Mathematical Sciences
Susie Irizarry | Palm City, Fla. | Environmental and Natural Resources
Jennifer Moffitt | Moore, S.C. | Chemical Engineering
Zach Musgrave | Greensburg, Penn. | Computer Science and English
Reid Sanders | Horse Shoe, N.C. | Mathematical Sciences and Physics
Elizabeth Sloan | Dallas, Texas | Bioengineering
Ray Smith | Birmingham, Ala. | Chemical Engineering
Joshua Von Fange | Columbia, S.C. | Industrial Engineering

Second-year Scholars

Katharine Amalfitano | Mansfield, Ohio | Preprofessional Health
Maeve Budi | Beaufort, S.C. | Polymer and Fiber Chemistry
Nicole Dallaire | Sterling, Va. | Architecture
Rebecca Deery | Lexington, Ky. | Biological Sciences and Secondary Education
Lauren Harroff | Concord, N.C. | Biosystems Engineering
Lauren Hock | Naperville, Ill. | Psychology
Taylor Hughes | Greer, S.C. | Health Science
James Hyde | Saluda, N.C. | Biosystems Engineering
Kimberly Ingram | Dacula, Ga. | Political Science and Communication Studies
Zan Isgett | Mount Pleasant, S.C. | Genetics
Ariel Nissan | Ridgecrest, Calif. | Bioengineering

First-year Scholars

Chris Covey | Old Saybrook, Conn. | Microbiology
Brown Farinholt | Richmond, Va. | Engineering
Liz Johnson | Galena, Ohio | Business
Matt Kofoed | Simpsonville, S.C. | Engineering
Nadine Luedicke | Columbia, S.C. | Engineering
Anna Merryman | Myrtle Beach, S.C. | Health Science
Edward Sullivan | North Potomac, Md. | Engineering
Taylor Wells | Columbia, S.C. | Engineering

Alumni

Six classes of National Scholars have graduated, and each has moved on to pursue further studies at leading universities around the world and employment with Fortune 500 companies.

- **Jill Allen '08:** Harvard University, master's in urban planning
- **Damon Andrews '08:** University of Iowa, law school
- **Darcy Boan Austin '04:** Georgia State University, master's in teaching
- **Bethany Moore Boerckel '09:** University of South Carolina, master's in library science
- **Mark Boerckel '09:** ATD Charleston, trading analyst
- **Colby Mistovich Brooks '08:** Capgemini Inc., telecommunications development manager, Atlanta, Ga.
- **Juston Brown '08:** Clemson University, master's in civil engineering
- **Kristina Catani '09:** Clemson University, master's in economics
- **Amanda Cheung '06:** University of South Carolina, medical school
- **Katherine Chisholm '05:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention International Emerging Infections Program, research epidemiologist, Cairo, Egypt; Emory University, M.P.H. in global epidemiology
- **Clarice Seifert Clemmens '05:** Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, otolaryngology resident, Philadelphia; Medical University of South Carolina, M.D.
- **Matt Clemmens '07:** Consultant for Blackbaud Inc.
- **Jeff Clinkscales '07:** Medical University of South Carolina, medical school
- **Ashley Dahl '04:** University of Alabama-Birmingham, ophthalmology resident; University of Alabama-Birmingham, M.D.
- **John Dixon '08:** Harvard University, Ph.D. in the history of American civilization
- **Rob Dixon '07:** Carnegie Mellon University, master's in robotics
- **Colleen Gleeson Eils '08:** University of Texas-Austin, Ph.D. in English
- **Brian Eyink '06:** Law clerk to Judge Gerald Bard Tjoflat, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit, Jacksonville, Fla.; Duke University, J.D.
- **Ben Garrison '09:** Clemson University, master's in computer engineering
- **Joseph Godsey '04:** Adidas Group, Senior Business Solution manager, Herzogenaurach, Germany; General Electric, placement into highly selective advanced leadership training program
- **Stephen Gosnell '07:** UC-Santa Barbara, Ph.D. in biology
- **Mark Gramling '05:** UNC-Chapel Hill, Ph.D. in immunopathology
- **Michael Griswold '09:** Deputy finance director, Holleman for Education
- **Casey Hancock '06:** Sonoco Products Co., Research and Development chemist, Hartsville, S.C.
- **Laura Hart '07:** University of Cincinnati, medical school
- **Jacob Hicks '05:** University of Georgia, Ph.D. in mathematics
- **Kate Hicks '07:** Medical University of South Carolina, medical school; Clemson University, master's in biosystems engineering
- **Kelly Jones '07:** West Virginia University, medical school
- **Jamie Kearns '06:** Columbia (N.Y.) University, medical school
- **Matt Kerr '04:** University of Washington, Ph.D. in physics; Cambridge (U.K.), advanced studies in mathematics

- **Rachel Rhyne Kimrey '06:** Clemson University, master's in education
- **Nathan Kwan '08:** Johns Hopkins University, master's in electrical engineering; Northrop Grumman systems engineer
- **Stephen Lareau '08:** UNC-Chapel Hill, law school
- **Michelle Malecha '04:** General Electric, placement into highly selective advanced leadership training program; Duke University, MBA
- **Robert McCowen '04:** Graduate Research Fellow, Western Michigan University Mallinson Institute for Science Education
- **Ahmed Mohiuddin '06:** Medical University of South Carolina, medical school
- **Ashley Neal '04:** Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, pediatric resident, Philadelphia, Penn.; Yale University, M.D.
- **Andrew Park '09:** Vanderbilt University, Ph.D. in chemical engineering
- **Suzanne Sawicki Parks '09:** Clemson University, Ph.D. in bioengineering
- **Lori Pindar '09:** University of Georgia, master's in journalism
- **Laura Kulikowski Pollock '09:** Cornell University, veterinary school
- **Jenny Alley Reeves '05:** Johnson & Johnson Vision Global Marketing, research senior analyst, Jacksonville, Fla.; University of Georgia, master's in marketing research
- **Chelsea Reighard '08:** Teach for America in New York City; Bank Street College of Education, master's in education
- **Will Sams '05:** Georgia Tech, Ph.D. in physics
- **Christen Smith '07:** Peace Corps assignment in Ethiopia
- **Lauren Smith '07:** Corporate auditor, General Electric; General Electric, placement into highly selective advanced leadership training program
- **Will Spink '05:** Associate pastor, Southwood Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, Ala.; Covenant Theological Seminary, master's in divinity
- **Ryan Spurrier '08:** Duke University, master's in divinity
- **Michael Stadnisky '05:** University of Virginia, Ph.D. in infectious disease
- **Jeremy Stovall '05:** University of Vermont, master's in natural resource management; Virginia Tech, Ph.D. in forestry
- **Ben Ward '09:** Clemson University, master's in economics
- **Elizabeth Ward '04:** Attorney, Tennessee Valley Authority; University of Tennessee, J.D.
- **Suzanne Weaver '07:** UNC-Chapel Hill, medical school
- **Chris Welch '04:** UNC-Chapel Hill, medical school and Ph.D. in pharmacology
- **Yousef Yasin '07:** Wake Forest University, medical school
- **Amanda Youell '07:** Teacher, Pope John Paul II High School, Hendersonville, Tenn.; Vanderbilt University, master's in math education
- **Jeff Young '05:** Georgia Tech, Ph.D. in computer engineering
- **Joe Ziska '05:** BMW Manufacturing Co., SAP HR programmer/analyst; Clemson University, master's in economics

Tenth Anniversary Giving Competition

In commemoration of our 10th anniversary, the NSP hosted more than 200 members of the NSP family September 25-26, 2009, for both a formal reception and our first NSP tailgate. At the tailgate, we awarded the first “Natty Giving Cup,” a new award for the alumni and current scholar cohorts with the highest levels of giving for each group. The cup will be awarded annually to both the alumni and current scholar cohorts that have the highest percentage of members giving to the NSP foundation account. Building the NSP foundation account with private donations will ensure that current and future scholars will continue to benefit from the unique, life-changing learning opportunities that past scholars have enjoyed.

In this inaugural effort, more than \$22,000 was donated by alumni, current scholars and parents of both. The alumni winners were the very first group of National Scholars, and the current cohort winners were the first-year scholars. See the chart below for a breakdown of cohort giving.

Cohort	Percent Giving
2000 (alumni winners)	62.5
2001.....	38.5
2002	40
2003	33.3
2004	30
2005	16.7
2006	33.3
2007	27.3
2008	27.3
2009 (current winners)	50
Parents	39



Top photo: The 2000 and 2009 NSP cohorts receive the inaugural Natty Giving Cup at the Sept. 26, 2009, NSP anniversary tailgate.



Bottom photo: First-year scholar Liz Johnson and alumnus scholar Kristina Catani visit during the tailgate.



Clemson's Premier Scholarship Program



James Hyde pauses at Arthur's Seat in Edinburgh, Scotland, during the 2009 NSP study abroad in Europe.

The Clemson University National Scholars Program provides a select number of extraordinary freshmen with an extraordinary educational experience that includes the following:

- A competitive four-year scholarship
- Summer study in Europe
- Academic seminars that explore critical thinking and leadership
- Ongoing enrichment opportunities throughout the year

The Clemson National Scholars are also members of Calhoun Honors College, which provides advanced course work and research opportunities as well as support in competing for major national and international fellowships. Clemson University is committed to providing an unmatched undergraduate experience to each of our Clemson National Scholars.

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Mentor Awards

Since our first graduating class, each National Scholar has chosen a professor or adviser to honor with the National Scholars Program Award of Distinction.

This recognition goes to individuals for their tireless commitment to the intellectual, professional and personal development of each graduating class of scholars. These are our recipients.

- **Scott Baier, Ph.D.**, economics professor
- **Stephanie Barczewski, Ph.D.**, history professor
- **Alma Bennett, Ph.D.**, English professor
- **Richard Blob, Ph.D.**, biological sciences professor
- **A.B. Bodine, Ph.D.**, animal and veterinary sciences professor
- **James Bottum**, vice provost and chief information officer
- **Neil Burton, Ph.D.**, cooperative education program
- **Bruce Clark**, Obama campaign deputy director
- **Patti Connor-Greene, Ph.D.**, psychology professor
- **Murray Daw, Ph.D.**, physics professor
- **Angela Dills, Ph.D.**, economics professor
- **Roy Dodd, Ph.D.**, bioengineering professor
- **Michael Dorsch, Ph.D.**, marketing professor
- **William Dougan, Ph.D.**, economics professor
- **Caye Drapcho, Ph.D.**, biosystems engineering professor
- **Robert Geist, Ph.D.**, computer science professor
- **C. Lane Glaze**, Wesley Foundation campus minister
- **Chris Heavner**, Lutheran campus minister and Habitat for Humanity adviser
- **Robert Hogan, M.Arch.**, architecture professor
- **Stephen Hubbard, Ph.D.**, electrical and computer engineering professor
- **Karyn Ogata Jones, Ph.D.**, communication studies professor
- **Jeff Love, Ph.D.**, languages and humanities professor
- **Robin Kowalski, Ph.D.**, psychology professor
- **Martine LaBerge, Ph.D.**, bioengineering professor
- **Michael LeMahieu, Ph.D.**, English professor
- **Steven Marks, Ph.D.**, history professor
- **Vladimir Matic, J.J.D.**, political science professor
- **Todd May, Ph.D.**, philosophy professor
- **Rachel Mayo, Ph.D.**, public health sciences professor
- **Bobby McCormick, Ph.D.**, economics professor
- **Tamara McNutt-Scott, Ph.D.**, biological sciences professor
- **Jim Morris, Ph.D.**, biochemistry professor
- **Gary Powell, Ph.D.**, biochemistry professor
- **Eric Seiber, Ph.D.**, public health sciences professor
- **Melissa Smith, Ph.D.**, electrical and computer engineering professor
- **Zeynep Taydas, Ph.D.**, political science professor
- **Lesly Temesvari, Ph.D.**, biological sciences professor
- **Mark Thies, Ph.D.**, chemical engineering professor
- **Charles Thomas, Ph.D.**, economics professor
- **Terry Tritt, Ph.D.**, physics professor
- **Jerry Waldvogel, Ph.D.**, biological sciences professor
- **John Ziegert, Ph.D.**, mechanical engineering professor

A Great University

Clemson University is a nationally ranked science- and technology-oriented public research university known for its emphasis on collaboration, focus and a culture that encourages faculty and students to embrace bold ideas. Its teaching, research and outreach are driving economic development and improving quality of life in South Carolina and beyond. Clemson is a high-energy, student-centered community dedicated to intellectual leadership, innovation, service and a determination to excel. The University offers a teaching and learning environment more common to private, liberal arts colleges, but with the increased academic, community service and social opportunities found at a major public university, all on a beautiful campus surrounded by lakes, forests and mountains. More than 17,000 students call Clemson home and pursue degrees in approximately 80 undergraduate and 110 graduate degree programs, from engineering and the sciences to business and English.





